

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

*Exchange of notes at Managua March 30 and 31, 1944, extending
agreement of May 18 and 22, 1942*

Entered into force March 31, 1944

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign
Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 61

MANAGUA, D. N., NICARAGUA, *March 30, 1944*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the notes exchanged between His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua and this Embassy dated May 18, 1942 and May 22, 1942¹ respectively relative to the Cooperative Program of Health and Sanitation in Nicaragua provided for in Resolution XXX approved at the third meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held in Rio de Janeiro in January of 1942.² In accordance with the notes under reference, the United States of America has contributed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for the Cooperative Health and Sanitation Program that is now being carried out in Nicaragua.

If desired by the Government of Nicaragua, the Government of the United States of America, through the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, an agency of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, is prepared to contribute an additional sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the purpose of cooperating with the Government of Nicaragua in extending the cooperative program of public health and sanitation and providing for the termination of the program within a three-year period beginning April 1, 1944. It would be understood that the Government of Nicaragua will contribute the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to be combined with the funds contributed by the United States of America and expended over the same three-year period for the cooperative program of health and sanitation in Nicaragua.

¹ EAS 368, *ante*, p. 428.

² For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 7, 1942, p. 137.

The kind of work and specific projects to be undertaken and the costs thereof would be mutually agreed to by the appropriate official of Your Excellency's Government and an appropriate official of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

It would be understood that the funds contributed by both Governments will be spent by the special agency created within the Dirección General de Sanidad by Your Excellency's Government, which special agency is known as the Servicio Cooperativo Inter-Americano de Salud Pública de Nicaragua. Detailed arrangements for the continuation of the special service and the prosecution of the cooperative program of health and sanitation in Nicaragua would be effected by agreement between the appropriate official of Your Excellency's Government and an appropriate official of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

It would be understood that the Government of the United States of America will continue to furnish such experts as are considered necessary in order to collaborate with Your Excellency's Government in executing the cooperative health and sanitation program.

All projects completed and property acquired in connection with the health and sanitation program would be the property of the Government of Nicaragua.

No project would be undertaken that would require supplies of materials the procurement of which would handicap any phase of the war effort.

I should be glad to be informed whether Your Excellency approves the foregoing general proposal, with the understanding that the details of the program will be the subject of further discussion and agreement as provided for herein.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

HAROLD D. FINLEY

His Excellency

Dr. MARIANO ARGÜELLO VARGAS,
Minister of Foreign Relations.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA

MANAGUA, D.N.

March 31, 1944

Mr. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your courteous note No. 61 of

yesterday's date, in which you make mention of the notes of May 18 and 22, 1942 exchanged between your Embassy and this Ministry, relative to the cooperative program of health and sanitation in Nicaragua provided for in Resolution XXX approved at the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held in Rio de Janeiro in January 1942.

In that note, you explain that besides the contribution of \$500,000 which the Government of the United States of America has made for purposes of health and sanitation in my country, it is prepared to contribute likewise, if my Government so desires, an additional sum of \$300,000, through the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, in order to extend the cooperative program of health and sanitation over a three-year period, beginning April 1, 1944, with the understanding that my Government is to contribute the sum of \$150,000 to be combined with the funds contributed by the United States of America, and to be spent within the same three-year period.

You add, furthermore, that the kind of works and specific projects to be undertaken, as well as the cost thereof, would be determined by mutual agreement between the agents of both Governments and an official of the Institute; that the funds to be contributed by both Governments will be spent by the Special Agency created by my Government within the Dirección General de Sanidad, called the Inter-American Cooperative Public Health Service of Nicaragua; that the detailed arrangements for the continuation of the special service and for carrying on the cooperative program of health and sanitation in Nicaragua will be effected by agreement between the appropriate official of my Government and an appropriate official of the Institute; that it is understood that the Government of the United States will continue to provide such experts as may be considered necessary for the purpose of collaborating with my Government in the cooperative program of health and sanitation; that the finished projects and the property acquired in connection with the aforementioned program shall be the property of my Government; that no project will be undertaken which requires supplying materials, the acquisition of which would impede the war effort; and, lastly, that when the general proposal in reference is approved the details of the program will be the subject of further discussion and agreement.

In reply to the courteous note in reference, I am pleased to inform you that my Government approves the said proposal under the aforementioned terms.

I have instructions, moreover, to thank your Government for the effective cooperation which it is good enough to offer mine and which undoubtedly constitutes a claim on its gratitude for whatever may serve to bind ever more closely the ties that happily unite our respective countries and their Governments.

Accept, Sir, on this occasion the expression of my high and distinguished consideration.

ANTONIO BARQUERO

The Honorable

HAROLD D. FINLEY

Chargé d'Affaires a. i.

of the United States of America

Embassy of the United States.